



# “Soundings”

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The newsletter  
of South Port  
Sailing Club

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## Commodore's Corner :

On July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> SPSC was host to the Shark Canadian Championships. This event had light wind on Saturday, & similar air early Sunday, and but unfortunately culminated in a thunderstorm Sunday afternoon with the fleet abandoning the last race. Details of the results are elsewhere in this issue. I had the pleasure of handing out the Awards and receiving compliments on behalf of SPSC from local sailors and out of town visitors on a well run event.

Our club should be proud of the organizers, particularly Ian Dawson and Jane MacArthur. Also thanks to those on the Committee and Stake boats, and the Volunteers in the kitchen without whom the Championship would not have been a success. My own contribution was minimal, although I did get wet in the same rainstorm!

Members are well scattered this season, cruising Lake Erie, Lake Huron, and the North Channel. Others are participating in major races like the Port Huron/Mackinac and Chicago/Mackinac. We wish them all pleasure and good luck in their sailing.

Lastly, some minor housekeeping - it has been brought to the Executive's attention that the Clubhouse cleaning has been lax and sometimes omitted. There is a check list for Members to follow. If you are unable to do clubhouse duty on that date, swap with someone else. Members should realize that our operating costs are kept low through every member's active participation in the upkeep of the club property. If cleaning is not done properly, our alternative is to pay an outside firm to clean which would result in increased dues.

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## Social Chair Laura Lehmann

**August 17th and 18th** are the dates for South Port's Annual Invitational Regatta. Boats from several clubs are expected to visit us and take part in a weekend full of South Port's finest racing, entertainment, food and fun!. If you are not planning to race, please come out and assist with the clubhouse activities. We need kitchen servers and clean-up helpers for both days. Please contact me at [vlehmann@cogeco.ca](mailto:vlehmann@cogeco.ca) if you can do a morning breakfast or help with dinner. Remember it's a fun way to get your club work hours in!

**Thursday, September 12th** at 7.00 pm will be a South Port Sailing Club Ladies Makeover Party. Come on out and enjoy and evening with the "girls". Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served as Lleana from Mary Kay Cosmetics works her magic. Please reserve early: contact me at 979-7569.

**“Soundings” plans to go to press by the 20th of each month. Get your news, notes, or announcements to John Bufton (Email; [bufton@mnsi.net](mailto:bufton@mnsi.net) or phone (519) 979-1718**

- We're always looking for interesting items about the club, its members and friends, or sailing in general; don't be shy, we need your contribution !

### **South Port's Executive Team 2001/2**

Commodore Robert Smith  
 Vice Commodore Ian Dawson  
 Rear Commodore/ Membership Committee Chair Al Finch  
 Sailing School Committee Chair Paul Bowsher  
 Social Committee Chair Laura Lehmann  
 Cruise Committee Chair Bob Layfield  
 Race Committee Chair Ken Blyth  
 Property Committee Chair Bob Linton  
 Harbour Committee/ Harbourmaster Andrew Barlow  
 Secretary Brenda Petro  
 Treasurer Bill Noakes

#### **16th. Annual Sail for Hospice, Saturday, September 7, 2002**

**"A short race, followed by a good meal, to raise money for a great cause!"**

This is an event you do not want to miss. Sailors around Essex County have been raising money for the Hospice for 15 years. The races will be at South Port on September 7 and at LaSalle Mariners and Cedar Island Yacht Club on September 8. The money is raised by entries and pledges are collected. And prizes are given for the pledges. This year we would like to be the club that raises the most money. So please participate and start collecting those pledges now.

In 2001 SPSC's winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Loan Shark Luke Brockman, 1<sup>st</sup> Dynamo Hummm Joe Davidson  
 Fastest Overall – Dynamo Hummm, Joe Davidson; Boat with the most pledges – TJPU, Duncan Hind  
 Special mention to the person with the most pledges, Sandra Labonte

Belated thanks to – Al Finch and Paul Ramey (Race Committee) Jan Domney, Sandy Dunlop, Bob Young & Eleanor Ofner (Clubhouse help) & Joe Davidson (Regatta Chair)

Funds raised go to the Hospice of Windsor & Essex County to help patients and their families here, around us...our families...our friends, fellow sailors,...our neighbours.

To volunteer to help and for more information please contact Anne Marie Ofner 979-0714 (jnorton@mnsi.

#### **Mainstays**

**Susan Bufton Chair**

**Beat that August Heat!** Charmaine Soutar once again kindly invites all Mainstays to a Pool Party at her house on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30 p.m. onwards. BYOB, swimgear and snacks.

**Reminder:** Raffle Tickets for the magnificent quilt displayed in the clubhouse still available. The draw (members only) will take place at our September meeting. Call me at 979-1718 if you want tickets (\$5 00 each, or three for \$10.00).

#### **From our Mackinac Island correspondent:**

Congratulations to South Port's own Andy Hellenbart (Firewater) and Bill Noakes (Ruffian) who placed respectively 4th and 13th in the C&C 35 class in the 2002 Port Huron/Mackinac race



### **Forthcoming Events**

Cruise to Great Lakes Yacht Club, August 4-6  
SPSC Invitational Regatta August 17/18  
Mainstays Pool Party August 22  
Cruise to Peche Island August 24  
Cruise to Thames River YC August 31  
Race for Hospice September 7th

### **Racing Notes**

#### **2002 Shark Canadians Regatta: Vice-Commodore Ian Dawson reports:**

22 Sharks competed in the regatta held at South Port July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This was the final regatta before the Shark World Cup being held at Mimico Cruising Club on Toronto's Humber Bay. Wish Invincible, Spongeworthy, Scallywag, Marmoset and Shikasta luck as they represent SPSC in what might end up being a 70 boat fleet. After the dust was settled by the driving rain on Sunday afternoon, Graham Andrews' Scallywag found herself in a tie for first place, but lost on the first tie breaker. Jack Mitchell's Cracker Jack from Bronte Harbour YC won the regatta followed by Eager IV More (RCYC) in third, Ockam's Razor (RCYC) in fourth and rounding out the awards was Ian Dawson's Shikasta in fifth place. Other South Port competitors were Spongeworthy, Megabyte, Invincible, Dentuso, Marmoset, Mel, Katabastic and Cheers.

The Saturday party on the grounds was well attended and enjoyed by all. Bill Gispen took some fabulous pictures of the fleet which he and Erica kindly donated to anyone who wanted to keep pictures of their boats for posterity. Later that evening, Hal Ebert dragged the die-hards to his and Sandy's place to continue partying until who knows when.

The regatta organizers thank the sponsors who donated some great gifts. Quantum Sail Design, North Sails, RBC Dominion Securities, Romeo Machine, Alexander Keith's, Henri Lloyd, Promotional Basics and Sea & Ski all helped ensure most people left the regatta with a souvenir.

No event at South Port can be successfully pulled off without the enthusiastic support of our members. In that light, Jane McArthur and Ian Dawson from the bottom of their keels, thank those who helped. Mike Salter and his crew on the water did an excellent job running the races, including a timely abandonment of the 6<sup>th</sup> race to ensure all the competitors could get safely off the water before the lightning and driving rain hit us. Those who helped out on the water included Doug Buckner, Gord Richardson, John Murphy, Stewart Dawson, Renka Gesing, Ken Blyth, Paul Ramey, Bill Gispen and Erica Krygsman. On land, Margaret Enwistle and her helpers eagerly kept everyone well fed with really positive comments from the party. Helping Margaret were John and Sue Bufton, Bruce and Ora Reid, Bob Young, Pat Andrews, Manjit Shaw and Loretta Buckner.

As a final note, the class is looking forward to coming back to South Port for future regattas which is great for us as we are able to generate revenue from these type of events.

#### **There may be Interesting news for 2005!**

Greg Cockburn, (who raced on a Shark called Eager IV More this past weekend ) is the International Shark Class Association president. He confirmed that South Port Sailing Club is the front runner to host the 2005 Shark World Cup. The motion will be made at the ISCA AGM in August 2002. Wish our club luck as it appears we will be getting ready for an international slate of guests from as far away as Austria.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 GREAT LAKES YACHT CLUB CRUISE
4 Clubhouse duties D & F Webb L & J Webber	5 CIVIC HOLIDAY	6 Dinghy Series 4 Race 1	7 Series 2 Race 7 F Edgely	8	9	10
11 Clubhouse duties S & P Weber D White , B Young	12	13 EXECUTIVE MEETING Dinghy Series 4 Race 2	14 Series 3 Race 1 J Murphy  MENS LUNCH	15	16	17 SPSC INVITATIONAL REGATTA
18 Clubhouse duties G & K Bennett P Allum, A Blencowe	19	20 Dinghy Series 4 Race 3	21 Series 3 Race 2 T Rindlisbacher	22 MAINSTAYS POOL PARTY 6.30PM @ CHARMAINE SOUTAR'S HOME	23	24 SPSC INVITA- TIONAL DINGHY REGATTA .PECHE ISLAND CRUISE
25 Clubhouse duties T & S Blak W Arthur, J Bondy	26	27 Dinghy Series 4 Race 4	28 Series 3 Race 3 C Eagan	29	30	31 THAMES RIVER YACHT CLUB CRUISE